

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 15-16, 20, 35-36 and 40-44 remain pending in the application. Claim 16 has been amended. Claim 45 has been cancelled.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has found allowable subject matter in claims 15, 20 and 42-45.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has sent an initialed copy of the PTO/SB08A form.

Applicants note the Objection raised with respect to claims 35-36 and 40-42 because of an alleged informality in claim 35 described as follows:

"Claim 35 recites that the at least one light emitter comprises at least one of a generating semiconductor device, an organic light generating device, and a light emitting polymer device (see lines 6-9). Such a recitation is misdescriptive of the invention as taught in the specification, in particular, pages 5-7."

It is respectfully submitted that the alleged informality is incorrect at least because the subject matter in question from claim 35 can be found verbatim in originally filed claim 2. Accordingly, it is clear that Applicants possessed this particular combination of elements at the time of filing.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hamada et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,048,941). Although the undersigned disagrees with this rejection, Claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 45. Claim 45 has been described in the Final Official Action as containing allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Hamada et al. are respectfully requested.

Claims 35-36 and 40-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hamada et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,048,941) in view of Deck (U.S. Patent Number 5,309,277). It is respectfully submitted that these claims are


allowable for at least the reasons described above with respect to amended independent claim 16 from which they ultimately depend.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 35-36 and 40-41 over Hamada et al. in view of Deck are respectfully requested.

All of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (540) 361-1863.

Respectfully submitted,

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